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Covanta of SEMASS  
Material Separation Plan 4  
**Draft Approval**

Dear Mr. Peters:

Thank you for the prompt filing of your Material Separation Plan 4 ("MSP4"). The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") has reviewed the draft MSP4 for the diversion of mercury containing products from Covanta of SEMASS (the "Facility"). The Facility filed the MSP4 with MassDEP on July 7, 2006 pursuant to 310 CMR 7.08(2)(f)(7) and MassDEP's *Material Separation Plan Guidance for Municipal Waste Combustors* issued on January 5, 2000 and modified on February 16, 2000.

Based on a review of the Facility's draft MSP4, MassDEP is issuing a **draft approval**. Under 310 CMR 7.08(2)(f)(7), MassDEP will publish a notice of public comment allowing for a 30 day public comment period. Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m., Monday, October 16, 2006.

MassDEP expects to issue a final decision on the proposed MSP4 within 30 days of the close of the public comment period. MassDEP may require the Facility to modify the draft MSP4 based on comments received. Following MassDEP approval, the Facility must implement the MSP4 in accordance with the schedule described in the approved MSP.

As discussed at our meeting in March, MassDEP intends to actively promote MSP4 services by conducting direct outreach to schools, businesses and health care facilities in your contract communities encouraging them to avail themselves of the services offered.



Please contact Tina Klein, at 617-292-5704 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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